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MESSAGE

Dear Examiner Willett,

Enclosed is a proposed preliminary amendment for the upcoming interview. During the interview, I would like to discuss the proposed amendment to Claim 1 which also corresponds to the several other independent claims.

Please contact me as soon as you are able to arrange a time for the interview. My telephone number is (703) 412-6444.

I look forward to discussing this case with you.

David A. Bilodeau

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

TAKESHI SAITO ET AL : GROUP ART UNIT: 2756

SERIAL NO. 09/035,995 :

CPA FILED: JULY 21, 2000 : EXAMINER: WILLETT, S.

FOR: DATA TRANSFER CONTROL
 DEVICE, RELAY DEVICE
 AND CONTROL DEVICE
 SUITABLE FOR HOME
 NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 13, 20, 28-30, 32, 34-38, 40, 52, 59, 67-69, 71, 73-77, 79-80, 84-86 and 90 as follows:

1. A data transfer control device for controlling transfer of information data to a receiving node connected with a first physical network from a transmitting node connected with a second physical network, the data transfer control device being connected with the second physical network and comprising:

an establishing unit [for establishing] configured to establish a channel in the second

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